UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

Elizabeth Barnes, Robert Hodge, Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook, and John Wright, *on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC,

Defendant.

Civil Action No: 1:21-cv-2095

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT SEEKING DAMAGES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The United States Congress has found abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors, and has determined that abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy. Congress wrote the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* ("FDCPA"), to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to ensure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses.
- 2. Plaintiffs Elizabeth Barnes, Robert Hodge, Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook, and John Wright ("Plaintiffs"), by and through Plaintiffs' attorneys, bring this Class Action

- Complaint to challenge the actions of Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC ("Defendant") with regard to Defendant's alleged violations of the FDCPA that caused Plaintiff Damages.
- 3. Plaintiffs make these allegations on information and belief, with the exception of those allegations that pertain to Plaintiffs, or to Plaintiffs' counsel, which Plaintiffs allege on personal knowledge.
- 4. While many violations are described below with specificity, this Complaint alleges violations of the FDCPA cited in its entirety.
- 5. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendant took place in Indiana.
- 6. All violations alleged herein are material violations of the FDCPA.
- 7. Any of Defendant's communications described herein are to be interpreted under the "unsophisticated consumer" standard. *See Gammon vs. GC Services, Ltd. Partnership*, 27 F.3d 1254, 1257 (7th Cir. 1994).
- 8. Through this Complaint, Plaintiffs do not allege that any state court judgment was entered against anyone in error, and Plaintiffs do not seek to reverse or modify any judgment of any state court.
- 9. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of Defendant's name in this Complaint includes all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers of Defendant's named.
- 10. Defendant acted at all times mentioned herein through its employee(s) and/or representative(s).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 12. This Court has federal question jurisdiction because this case arises out of violation of federal law—namely, the FDCPA.
- 13. Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction, as Defendant conducts business within the Southern District of Indiana, and Defendant's conduct giving rise to this action accrued in the Southern District of Indiana.
- 14. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that a substantial portion of the events or omissions giving rise to this action occurred in this District.
- 15. Plaintiffs each reside in this Judicial District.

PARTIES

- 16. Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes is an adult individual residing in Marion County, Indiana, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 17. Plaintiff Robert Hodge is an adult individual residing in Madison County, Indiana, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 18. Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook is an adult individual residing in Marion County, Indiana, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 19. Plaintiff John Wright is an adult individual residing in Hamilton County, Indiana, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times relevant, Defendant conducted business in the State of Indiana.

- 21. Defendant is a debt collection agency operating from an address at 120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 22. Specifically, Defendant is a person who uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due to another.
- 23. This case involves an obligation or alleged obligation of consumers to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment otherwise known as a "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 24. Defendant attempted to collect a "debt" from Plaintiffs.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Background

- 25. Defendant is a debt collection agency attempting to collect debts from Plaintiffs.
- 26. Section 1692c(b) of the FDCPA, titled "Communication with third parties," states:

Except as provided in section 1692b of this title, without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector, or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction, or as reasonably necessary to effectuate a postjudgment judicial remedy, a debt collector may not communicate, in connection with the collection of any debt, with any person other than the consumer, his attorney, a consumer reporting agency if otherwise permitted by law, the creditor, the attorney of the creditor, or the attorney of the debt collector.

15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b).

- 27. Section 1692c(b) cross-references section 1692b, which governs the manner in which a debt collector may communicate "with any person other than the consumer for the purpose of acquiring location information." 15 U.S.C. § 1692b.
- 28. The FDCPA thus broadly prohibits a debt collector from communicating with anyone other than the consumer "in connection with the collection of any debt," subject to several explicitly enumerated exceptions—some in section 1692c(b), and others in section 1692b.
- 29. Despite this prohibition—one designed to protect consumers' privacy—debt collectors, including Defendant, often send information regarding consumers' alleged debts to third-party mail vendors.
- 30. These third-party mail vendors use information provided by debt collectors—such as a consumer's name, the name of the creditor to whom a debt is allegedly owed, the name of the original creditor, and the amount of an alleged debt—to fashion, print, and mail debt collection letters to consumers.
- 31. This unnecessary practice exposes private information regarding alleged debts to third-parties not exempted by the FDCPA.
- 32. Upon information and belief, Defendant routinely provides protected debt collection information regarding consumer debts to third-party mail vendors (that are not authorized by the FDCPA to receive such information) in connection with the collection of a debt and in violation of the FDCPA.

Defendant's Improper Disclosures to a Third-Party

33. Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes allegedly incurred a debt to Synchrony Bank on an Old Navy credit card that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes as defined by §1692(a)(5) (the "Elizabeth Debt").

- 34. Plaintiff Robert Hodge allegedly incurred a debt to Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. on a credit card that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes as defined by §1692(a)(5) (the "Robert Debt").
- 35. Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook allegedly incurred a debt to Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. on a credit card that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes as defined by §1692(a)(5) (the "Jackie Debt").
- 36. Plaintiff John Wright allegedly incurred a debt to Capital One N.A. on a Menards credit card that was primarily for personal, family or household purposes as defined by §1692(a)(5) (the "John Debt").
- 37. Each of Plaintiffs' debts identified in Paragraphs 33-36 are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Debts".
- 38. The Debts allegedly owed by Plaintiffs went into default.
- 39. After the Debts went into default, the Debts were placed or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.
- 40. Thereafter, Defendant communicated with at least one third-party mail vendor in connection with the collection of the Debts.
- 41. Under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2), a "communication" means "the conveying of information regarding a debt directly or indirectly to any person through any medium."

The Elizabeth Letter

- 42. On or after February 2, 2021, Defendant caused a written communication to be sent to Plaintiff
 Elizabeth Barnes in connection with the collection of the Elizabeth Debt (the "Elizabeth
 Letter").
- 43. The Elizabeth Letter disclosed the balance of the Elizabeth Debt.

- 44. The Elizabeth Letter also identified the creditor to whom Defendant alleged the Elizabeth Debt was owed.
- 45. The Elizabeth Letter identified Defendant as a debt collector and stated: "This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose."
- 46. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not print the Elizabeth Letter.
- 47. Rather, upon information and belief, Defendant, in connection with the collection of a debt, provided information regarding Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes and the Elizabeth Debt—including Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes's name, address, the balance of the Elizabeth Debt, the fact that Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes was a debtor, and other private details regarding the Elizabeth Debt—to a third-party mail vendor.
- 48. The third-party mail vendor printed the Elizabeth Letter and sent it to Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes.
- 49. The return address on the Elizabeth Letter does not match Defendant's address.
- 50. The return address on the Elizabeth Letter is "DEPT 922 P.O. BOX 4115, CONCORD, CA 94524 (the "Concord P.O. Box").

The Robert Letter

- 51. On or after March 23, 2021, Defendant caused a written communication to be sent to Plaintiff
 Robert Hodge in connection with the collection of the Robert Debt (the "Robert Letter").
- 52. The Robert Letter disclosed the balance of the Robert Debt.
- 53. The Robert Letter also identified the creditor to whom Defendant alleged the Robert Debt was owed.

- 54. The Robert Letter identified Defendant as a debt collector and stated: "This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose."
- 55. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not print the Robert Letter.
- 56. Rather, upon information and belief, Defendant, in connection with the collection of a debt, provided information regarding Plaintiff Robert Hodge and the Robert Debt—including Plaintiff Robert Hodge's name, address, the balance of the Robert Debt, the fact that Plaintiff Robert Hodge was a debtor, and other private details regarding the Robert Debt—to a third-party mail vendor.
- 57. The third-party mail vendor printed the Robert Letter and sent it to Plaintiff Robert Hodge.
- 58. The return address on the Robert Letter does not match Defendant's address.
- 59. The return address on the Robert Letter is the Concord P.O. Box.

The Jackie Letter

- 60. On or after March 16, 2021, Defendant caused a written communication to be sent to Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook in connection with the collection of the Jackie Debt (the "Jackie Letter").
- 61. The Jackie Letter disclosed the balance of the Jackie Debt.
- 62. The Jackie Letter also identified the creditor to whom Defendant alleged the Jackie Debt was owed.
- 63. The Jackie Letter identified Defendant as a debt collector and stated: "This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose."
- 64. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not print the Jackie Letter.

- 65. Rather, upon information and belief, Defendant, in connection with the collection of a debt, provided information regarding Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook and the Jackie Debt—including Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook's name, address, the balance of the Jackie Debt, the fact that Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook was a debtor, and other private details regarding the Jackie Debt—to a third-party mail vendor.
- 66. The third-party mail vendor printed the John Letter and sent it to Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook.
- 67. The return address on the Jackie Letter does not match Defendant's address.
- 68. The return address on the Jackie Letter is the Concord P.O. Box.

The John Letter

- 69. On or after July 25, 2020, Defendant caused a written communication to be sent to Plaintiff
 John Wright in connection with the collection of the John Debt (the "John Letter").
- 70. The John Letter disclosed the balance of the John Debt.
- 71. The John Letter also identified the creditor to whom Defendant alleged the John Debt was owed.
- 72. The John Letter identified Defendant as a debt collector and stated: "This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose."
- 73. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not print the John Letter.
- 74. Rather, upon information and belief, Defendant, in connection with the collection of a debt, provided information regarding Plaintiff John Wright and the John Debt—including Plaintiff John Wright's name, address, the balance of the John Debt, the fact that Plaintiff was a debtor, and other private details regarding the John Debt—to a third-party mail vendor.

- 75. The third-party mail vendor printed the John Letter and sent it to Plaintiff John Wright.
- 76. The return address on the John Letter does not match Defendant's address.
- 77. The return address on the John Letter is the Concord P.O. Box.

The Third-Party Mail Vendor

- 78. The Concord P.O. Box has previously been identified as a P.O. Box address for CompuMail, Inc. in litigation involving another debt collector that shared private consumer data with a third-party mail vendor. *See Hunstein v. Preferred Collection & Mgmt. Servs.*, 994 F.3d 1341, 1345 (11th Cir. 2021); *Hunstein v. Preferred Collection & Management Services, Inc*, 8:19-cv-00983-TPB-TGW [Doc. No. 1-4].
- 79. Moreover, a common return address on dunning letters used by a different debt collector on a different dunning letter suggests the Concord P.O. Box is not exclusively owned by Defendant.
- 80. Defendant does not own the Concord P.O. Box.
- 81. Further, a common return address on dunning letters suggests the letters are not actually coming from the debt collectors, but instead are coming from a third-party.
- 82. The Concord P.O. Box appears to be associated with CompuMail, Inc., a third-party mail vendor.
- 83. CompuMail, Inc.'s headquarters is at 4057 Port Chicago Hwy Ste. 300, Concord, CA 94520 and offers comprehensive print and mail services.
- 84. CompuMail, Inc.'s webpage states "Over the past 20 years, CompuMail has become the premier direct mail company in the United States. For most of our history, we've specialized as a collection agency mail vendor, but we now offer services for any industry requiring the

- best direct mail solutions. No one offers greater coverage and more options to help you get your letter opened faster."
- 85. Plaintiffs did not provide Defendant prior express consent to communicate, in connection with the collection of the Debts, with any third-party mail vendor.
- 86. CompuMail, Inc. is not the consumer about whom the debt relates.
- 87. CompuMail, Inc. is not the consumer's attorney.
- 88. CompuMail, Inc. is not a consumer reporting agency.
- 89. CompuMail, Inc. is not the creditor for the Debt.
- 90. CompuMail, Inc. is not the attorney of the creditor for the Debt.
- 91. CompuMail, Inc. is not the attorney of the debt collector.
- 92. Defendant's communications with CompuMail, Inc. were in connection with the collection of a debt since it involved disclosure of the Debts to a third-party with the objective being to communicate with and motivate the consumers to pay the alleged debt.
- 93. Further, Defendant's communications with CompuMail, Inc. was concerned with, referenced, and related to the Debts.
- 94. Defendant's communications with CompuMail, Inc. invaded Plaintiffs' privacy and intruded upon Plaintiffs' seclusion by sharing private debt collection information with a third-party that was not entitled to receive such information.
- 95. Spreading private debt collection information about a consumer to third-parties not authorized by the FDCPA without the consumer's consent also increases the likelihood that such debt collection information will be further spread (either intentionally or unintentionally) to other parties not authorized by the FDCPA.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 96. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated ("the Class").
- 97. Plaintiffs represent, and are members of the Class, defined as follows:
 - (i) all consumers with addresses within the United States; (ii) about whose debt Defendant communicated information in connection with the collection of such debt to any third-party vendor(s); (iii) without the subject consumer's prior consent given directly to Defendant for the communications; (iv) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this Action.
- 98. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Class.
- 99. Alternatively, Plaintiffs represent, and are members of the Sub-Class One, defined as follows:
 - (i) all consumers with addresses within the State of Indiana; (ii) about whose debt Defendant communicated information in connection with the collection of such debt to any third-party vendor(s); (iii) without the subject consumer's prior consent given directly to Defendant for the communications; (iv) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this Action.
- 100. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Sub-Class One.
- 101. Alternatively, Plaintiff Elizabeth Barnes and Plaintiff Jackie Spears f/k/a Jackie Holbrook represent, and are members of the Sub-Class Two, defined as follows:
 - (i) all consumers with addresses within the county of Marion, state of Indiana; (ii) about whose debt Defendant communicated information in connection with the collection of such debt to any third-party vendor(s); (iii) without the subject consumer's prior consent given directly to Defendant for the communications; (iv) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this Action.
- 102. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Sub-Class Two.
- 103. Alternatively, Plaintiff Robert Hodge represents, and is a member of the Sub-Class Three, defined as follows:

- (i) all consumers with addresses within the county of Madison, state of Indiana; (ii) about whose debt Defendant communicated information in connection with the collection of such debt to any third-party vendor(s); (iii) without the subject consumer's prior consent given directly to Defendant for the communications; (iv) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this Action.
- 104. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Sub-Class Three.
- 105. Alternatively, Plaintiff John Wright represents, and is a member of the Sub-Class Four, defined as follows:
 - (i) all consumers with addresses within the county of Hamilton, state of Indiana; (ii) about whose debt Defendant communicated information in connection with the collection of such debt to any third-party vendor(s); (iii) without the subject consumer's prior consent given directly to Defendant for the communications; (iv) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this Action.
- 106. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Sub-Class Four.
- 107. Plaintiffs do not know the exact number of persons in the Class or the Sub-Classes but believe it to be in the several hundreds if not thousands or more, making joinder of all these actions impracticable.
- 108. The joinder of the Class members and/or Sub-Class members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the Court.
- 109. The identity of the individual members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes is ascertainable through Defendant and/or third-party vendor records or by public notice.
- 110. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved affecting the members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes.

- 111. The questions of law and fact common to the Class and/or Sub-Classes predominate over questions affecting only individual class members, and include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Whether a debt collector has a right to communicate, in connection with the collection of a debt, consumer debt information with a third-party letter vendor;
 - b. Whether members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes are entitled to the remedies under the FDCPA;
 - c. Whether members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes are entitled to declaratory relief pursuant to the FDCPA;
 - d. Whether members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes are entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to the FDCPA;
 - e. Whether members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes are entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit pursuant to the FDCPA; and,
- 112. As a person that received at least one written communication that appears to confirm that information about her Debt was sent to a third-party vendor in connection with the collection of the Debt, Plaintiffs are asserting claims that are typical of the Class and/or Sub-Classes.
- 113. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and/or Sub-Classes.
- 114. Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced in consumer class action litigation and in handling claims involving unlawful debt collection practices.
- 115. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class and/or Sub-Classes, which all arise from the same operative facts involving unlawful collection practices.

- 116. A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.
- 117. Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendant to comply with federal law.
- 118. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against Defendant is small because the maximum statutory damages in an individual action under the FDCPA are \$1,000.00.
- 119. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than those presented in many class claims, *e.g.*, securities fraud.
- 120. Additionally, members of the Class and/or Sub-Classes are unlikely to be aware of their rights.
- 121. Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class and/or Sub-Classes, thereby making appropriate final declaratory relief with respect to the Class and/or Sub-Classes as a whole.
- 122. Plaintiffs contemplate providing notice to the putative class members by direct mail in the form of a postcard and via an internet website.
- 123. Plaintiffs request certification of a hybrid class for monetary damages and injunctive and/or declaratory relief.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

- 124. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference all above paragraphs.
- 125. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute violations of the FDCPA, including, but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b).

- 126. Section 1692c(b) provides that "a debt collector may not communicate, in connection with the collection of any debt, with any person other than the consumer, his attorney, a consumer reporting agency if otherwise permitted by law, the creditor, the attorney of the creditor, or the attorney of the debt collector."
- 127. Section 1692c(b) specifies a specifically enumerated list of entities that a debt collector can communicate with in connection with the collection of a debt and that list does not include third-party mail vendors to send debt collection letters.
- 128. By communicating regarding the Debts—including by disclosing, among other things, the existence of the Debt, the amount owed, and the alleged creditor—with a third-party mail vendor, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b). *See Hunstein v. Preferred Collection & Mgmt. Servs., Inc.*, 994 F.3d 1341 (11th Cir. 2021).
- 129. The harm Plaintiffs suffered is particularized in that the violative debt collection letters at issue were sent to each personally and regarded their personal alleged Debts.
- 130. And the violation of Plaintiffs' rights not to have their private information shared with third-parties is a concrete injury sufficient to confer standing.
- 131. The harm Plaintiffs allege here—disclosure of private information of a personal, sensitive nature to third-party vendors—is precisely the type of abusive debt collection practice that the FDCPA was designed to prevent. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a) ("Abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to *invasions of individual privacy*.") (Emphasis added).
- 132. Moreover, concrete injuries can be found where "intangible harm has a close relationship to a harm that has traditionally been regarded as providing a basis for a lawsuit in English or American courts." *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*, 136 S. Ct. 1540, 1549 (2016).

- 133. By communicating with a third party in connection with the collection of the Debts,
 Defendant harmed Plaintiffs by invading their privacy.
- 134. By communicating with a third-party in connection with the collection of the Debts,

 Defendant harmed Plaintiffs by disclosing private facts about the Debts, thus intruding
 upon Plaintiffs' seclusion.
- 135. For more than a century, U.S. Court have held allegations of invasions of personal privacy are a valid basis for tort suits. *See, e.g., Pavesich v. New England Life Ins. Co.*, 122 Ga. 190, 50 S.E. 68 (1905); *Munden v. Harris*, 153 Mo. App. 652, 134 S.W. 1076 (1911); *Kunz v. Allen*, 102 Kan. 883, 172 P. 532 (1918).
- 136. Because of the close relationship between 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b) and the harm that Courts in the United States have long recognized as cognizable and because of Congress's explicit statement that the FDCPA was designed to protect against invasions of individual privacy, Plaintiffs and the proposed class have the requisite standing to sue and seek redress for their harms.
- 137. As a result of each and every violation of the FDCPA, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 and such amount as the Court may allow for all other class members, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000.00 or 1 per centum of the net worth of the debt collector pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B); and costs together with reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendant.

REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL

138. Plaintiffs are entitled to, and demand, a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court grant Plaintiffs the following relief against Defendant:

- That this action be certified as a class action on behalf of the Class and/or Sub-Class One and/or Sub-Class Two and/or Sub-Class Three and/or Sub-Class Four as requested herein;
- That Plaintiffs be appointed as representative of the Class and/or respective Sub-Classes;
- That Plaintiffs' counsel be appointed as counsel for the Class and/or respective Sub-Classes;
- An award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for each named Plaintiff and such amount as the Court may allow for all other class members, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000.00 or 1 per centum of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B);
- An award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to 15
 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3), against Defendant;
- Any and all other relief that this Court deems just and proper.

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